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Amendments to the Claims

- 1. (Previously presented) A computer-based method for selling an item to a customer at a physical retail location, the method comprising the steps of:
- (a) receiving at the physical retail location an identifier associated with a physical token presented by a customer at the physical retail location;
- (b) accessing customer data from a database located somewhere other than the token based on the received identifier associated with the token;
 - (c) identifying in the customer data a product order selected by the customer;
 - (d) preparing the identified customer order at the retail location;
- (e) identifying in the customer data a preferred payment method for the customer;
- (f) executing payment by the customer for the selected order by the preferred payment method; and
 - (g) providing the customer with the selected order at the retail location.
- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the token comprises an RFID tag, and step (a) comprises wirelessly reading a RFID tag presented by the customer.
- 3. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the steps are performed in response to a single user action, the single user action comprising presenting the RFID tag to an RFID reader located in the retail location.
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the token comprises a magnetic stripe card, and step (a) comprises reading a magnetic stripe card presented by a customer to a magnetic stripe reader.

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- 5. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the steps are performed in response to a single user action, the single user action comprising presenting the magnetic stripe card to a customer-accessible magnetic stripe card reader located in the retail location.
- 6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising, prior to step (a), the steps of:
 - (1) facilitating customer selection of a product order; and
 - (2) associating the customer selected product order with the customer.
- 7. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein step (1) comprises facilitating customer selection via the Internet.
- 8. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein step (1) comprises facilitating customer selection at a terminal located in the retail location.
- 9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein step (b) comprises accessing customer data over the Internet.
- 10. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein step (b) comprises accessing customer data over a local area network.
- 11. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein step (b) comprises accessing customer data from a local database.
- 12. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein step (b) comprises accessing customer data from a database operated from a third party service provider.
- 13. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein step (f) comprises providing payment information to a POS device for execution.

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14. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein step (f) comprises processing payment and providing an execution code indicating complete payment to a POS device.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein step (f) comprises obtaining a count value associated with the token and if the count value is greater than zero, decrementing the count value.

16-31. Cancelled.